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HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION IN 1949

Proceedings of the Ministry of Public Health RSFSR

At a recent Board meeting, Ya.A. Shpolyanskiy read a report concerning projected construction in 1949. I.P. Dalmatov, deputy chairman of the Council of Ministers RSFSR also attended the meeting.

Some 56 new projects are to be built in 1949. Of this number, the greatest construction will go toward building hospitals and maternity homes. Some special construction to improve the network of health services for agricultural populations will be undertaken.

The report briefly indicated some of the preparations already made. All blue prints have been completed. About 70 percent of the conferences and consultations with interested agencies have been completed. In January, work was started on 40 enterprises instead of the scheduled 64.

The report went on to state that much of the delay in the 1949 building program was due to the inefficient operation in 1948 of agencies responsible for making the raw materials available.

Shpolyanskiy regreted that the Administration had not attached sufficient importance to improvement of existing institutions in the Republics. If this program were to be carried out effectively, some 12.4 million rubles would be needed; the Administration, however, has allotted only 1.3 million rubles.

The Administration has indicated that all preliminary talks will be completed as expeditiously as possible and that the reconstruction of Sevastopol' will be given priority over all other construction.

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